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FRIENDS IN NEED

**Roger C. Sullivan and John P. Hopkins
Prove Themselves Such in the
Graham Bank Crisis.**

The prompt action of Roger C. Sullivan and John P. Hopkins, in rushing to the front to save the 27,000 depositors of the Graham Bank from loss and the Graham family from added trouble, will long be remembered in Chicago as a high-minded act of devoted friendship.

Neither Sullivan or Hopkins had the slightest financial interest in the bank itself. But they had been life-long friends of its founder and sincere friends of his family.

No one ever doubted the honesty of the Grahams. The names of all of them are above reproach.

But circumstances which no one could control made the suspension of the bank inevitable.

As is usual in such cases, there was the prevailing disposition to jump upon people when they are down.

It was at this juncture that Roger C. Sullivan and John P. Hopkins showed true friendship and real manhood. They jumped into the breach; silenced the calamity shouters, arranged the affairs; put their great financial influence into the scale and saved the day. The depositors will be

paid in full; there will be no costly litigation; the Graham name will still be honored and Sullivan and Hopkins will be thanked by everybody.

BEWARE OF A BAD DRAFT OFFICIAL

**Mysterious Loss of Draft Cards
Causes Inquiry as to Who
Was in Charge of Them.**

Who is in charge of draft registration cards and documents in Chicago? Mysterious disappearance of fifty conscription registration cards from scattering precincts throughout the city is to be investigated by government secret service men.

Whether the report cards were removed from the files by persons who sought to save friends from being drafted, or whether the cards became lost during the tabulation of returns and the making of duplicates, are questions to be determined by the federal government agents.

Mayor Thompson, who, as head of

the city government, had general direction of the registration work, has received several telegrams from Provost General Dickson advising him that certain cards were missing. The progress of the cards through the complicated machinery of the registration boards is being traced in an effort to recover them.

The loss of the cards was discovered when the exemption boards made their returns. As only about one-half of the boards have completed their preliminary work the number of missing cards may be much higher.

In one district seven cards are missing. Information regarding the location of the districts where the cards are missing will not be made public pending the investigation.

Government agents may make a house-to-house canvass in certain districts in an effort to learn the identity

statements may be a year old when filed and therefore far out of date when made the basis for selling stocks. A statement a year old is, however, much better than none.

Securities that are listed on recognized exchanges, those described in corporation manuals, and some other classes are exempted from the operation of the law because there is already authentic information available.

The law does not take effect till Jan. 1, 1918, but if in the meantime investors will demand complete and recent statements of the condition of companies in which they are asked to invest they can get some of its benefits in advance.

O'CONNELL'S FINE RECORD

**New Board of Public Utilities
Takes Hold.**

The installation of the new Board of Public Utilities appointed by Governor Lowden calls attention to the good work of the outgoing Dunne Board and especially of its chairman, William L. O'Connell.

William L. O'Connell's four-year record as chairman of this most important body is free from scandal; free from flaw, and full of fine achievements for the benefit of all the people. Everything that it has done has been sustained both by the people and by the courts. Mr. O'Connell has proven himself to be what his friends always believed he was, an executive

DEMOCRATS ROAR

**Persistent Rumors of Graft in Connection with Certain Public Supplies
Call Attention to Hoodoo.**

Democrats regard a man as a party Hoodoo whose associations and record cause reports that stir up people in times like the present.

Democrats as well as Republicans are becoming irritated over persistent rumors of alleged pecuniary financial achievement by a so-called party Hoodoo.

On the Democratic side it is developing into a Roar.

It is not the fellow's misfortunes that cause the talk.

It is the rumor of something more substantial and in the nature, so to speak, of a hoodoo.

Democratic workers and Democratic employees, assessed and touched to make pin money for lazy grafters, unfavorably refer to this underling leader as the "Hoodoo."

The title appears to be well deserved. Every man who has given him a

necessary supplies and that when certain persons visited the plant on an inspection trip, as it were, the \$1,000 bills had disappeared with the visitors.

This Hoodoo is the type of Democrat whom the party ought always to pick out for defeat if there were 40 men on the ticket and he was the only one to be defeated.

DEMOCRATIC FIELD DAY FOR RED CROSS

**Twenty-fifth Warders Plan Affair
at Cub Park for July 21.**

A monster athletic and military field day at Weeghman's Cub baseball park on Saturday, July 21, for the benefit of the American Red Cross, is announced by the Twenty-fifth Ward Democratic club. President Weeghman of the Cub team has given the use of his park as well as the clerical force of his office to assist in handling details of the enterprise.

A military parade from the loop district to the ball park, preceded by a marathon race, will start the program. A baseball game will be played between former National league stars under Jimmy Ryan and Capt. Anson of the old Colts, and Thomas J. Dawson, leading a team made up of old time American association players. Charles A. Comiskey has promised to play first base for the latter team.

The reserve officers' corps from Fort Sheridan will send a contingent to the park, as will the Great Lakes naval training station. Drills by high school cadets; a tug of war between policemen and a team from the Western Electric company for the championship of Chicago; tent pitching, drilling and trench digging by regular army men; balloon and aeroplane fights and a sham battle, followed by a Red Cross demonstration, will feature the entertainment.

A band of 500 pieces led by Lieut. John Philip Sousa will furnish music. Several north side women are organizing to have charge of Red Cross subscriptions. Dixon C. Williams, Thomas J. Webb, Fred W. Block, Harry Gibbons, Peter Reinberg, William F. Quinlan, James Slattery, Charles Weeghman, John P. Dougherty, George V. McIntyre, Charles Wurster, Philip J. Finnegan, Thomas J. Dawson and C. H. Ibsen are members of the general committee, with Samuel Rosenthal as chairman and John D. Hayes as secretary.

HINTS AT GRAFT

**If What This Correspondent Says
Is True, People Will Air Some
Scandals in the Next Campaign.**

Editor, Chicago Eagle: A great many contracts are being let for government work. I hope it is all being done without the scandal or graft attending work done for local authorities. I was a friend of the late City Clerk John Siman and enjoyed the pleasure of his confidence. He told me some things about remarkable overcharges for supplies in the city clerk's office which he had discovered and which in his courageous and honest way he entirely wiped out.

The press made some mention of the reforms he instituted but did not go back into the history of the graft that once prevailed. There are reports current of wholesale graft alleged to have been carried on for some time in another department entirely distinct from the clerk's office, financed by the City, if not entirely controlled by it. These reports circulated everywhere, tell of a whack-up between a certain official whose name is sometimes in print and certain parties to whom he gives large orders for supplies. The report is that this official is getting rich on his share of the spoils.

This official, whose familiars are alleged to be not always upright citizens, is said to divide with sure-

thing contractors whose records, from being murder accessories to juggling with ballots and franchise ordinances, are as notorious as their alleged telephonic and non-telephonic careers. I enclose some copies of the daily papers touching on some of these points which you might care to reproduce some time as these persons figure quite prominently in them.

The record of some of these contractors is frightful, as many men high in public life can testify. Can this sort of thing go on forever? Or is the community so calloused that common talk and street gossip, as well as facts that will force themselves into the light, are viewed lightly while the people are robbed?

P. O'BRIEN.

THE JUDICIAL ELECTION

The Cook County Republican committee on Monday

Extended the term of committee members to 1920, the Deneen men voting against it.

Called the judicial convention for October 1.

Declared for a full judicial ticket of thirteen candidates.

Declared itself the judicial convention when it meets.

Laid groundwork for a women's county committee.

Indorsed Emil Wentzlauff for the central registration bureau.

Declaring for the nomination of a full judicial ticket may disrupt the bipartisan representations by which it was intended to rename the ten sitting Superior Court judges whose terms expire and name the other three candidates by a gentlemen's agreement.

The Democrats will meet Friday night at the Hotel Sherman to declare themselves elected for four instead of two years and issue the call for the judicial convention. It was thought likely last night the Democrats also will declare for a full ticket.

There are to be further conferences between the old party chiefs with a view to agreeing on a judicial slate. One plan suggested was to have the Republicans name the ten retiring judges and the three others to be agreed upon, without regard to their politics, and then have the Democrats do the same thing.

E. A. CUDAHY BUYS TWO SITES

Two residence sites have been bought by Edward A. Cudahy in the exclusive residence district north of Lincoln park. A lot 70x140 feet on Wellington avenue, 160 feet east of Sheridan road, north front, was bought from Mrs. Montgomery Ward. Edward Rosing represented Mrs. Ward. Paul Steinbrecher & Co. acted for Mr. Cudahy.

The other purchase was a lot 50x140 feet, south front, on Oakdale avenue, 160 feet east of Sheridan road. Paul Steinbrecher & Co. were the brokers. It is said that the price for both lots was about \$550 a foot. It is understood that Mr. Cudahy will give this lot to a daughter and that he will occupy the other himself.

It is interesting to note that despite the high cost of building materials there are now in course of construction in this district six houses ranging in cost from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

CHICAGO BOYS IN FRANCE

The following young Chicago men in the U. S. Ambulance Service have arrived in Paris on their way to the front: W. A. Green, C. B. Fogle, Walter C. Gibbons, Gerald Kiley, William G. Murray, John G. Robert, Sidney Lombard Sayre, Hawley L. Smith.

IN THE CITY COUNCIL

**Important Public Business Before
the Chicago Board of Aldermen**

Here is what the city council did before it adjourned for the summer vacation:

Avoided, by a precipitate adjournment, consideration of the resolution censuring Mayor Thompson.

Passed by a vote of 47 to 17 the ordinance enabling the automatic telephone system to dispose of its material upon payment of \$200,000 compensation to the city at the time of sale.

Legalized the sale of goods in sub-basements of retail stores by passage of an ordinance to this effect by 41 to 23.

Adopted, by unanimous vote, a resolution deploring the mob rule and lynching of Negroes in the recent East St. Louis riots.

Fixed Oct. 1 as the date of its next meeting.

An ordinance allowing retail stores to sell goods in sub-basements was passed by a vote of 41 to 23. The measure was before the council twice before, but was defeated.

A proposed ordinance from John C. McDonnell, chief of the bureau of fire prevention, providing for the exclusion of film exchanges and firms handling motion picture films from the downtown district was referred to the committee on buildings. The fire in the Pathe exchange in the Consumers building last Sunday morning caused Chief McDonnell to prepare the measure.

Ald. Byrne attempted to suspend the rules for consideration of a resolution urging the dismissal of Walter L. Fisher as special counsel for the local transportation committee, but he was unsuccessful. The council denied a suspension of the rules by 36 nays to 28 yeas.

Ald. Steffen introduced an ordinance intended to curb the censorship power of Second Deputy Superintendent Funkhouser over moving picture films, and it was referred to the judiciary committee. The measure provides the chief of police shall refuse issuance of a permit if a picture is ruled "immoral or obscene" by a majority of a board of ten censors, none of whom shall be an official. This would let the major out.

The local transportation committee

will receive a resolution presented by Ald. Schwartz requesting information from the state's attorney as to the present status of quo warranto proceedings against the Union and South Side Elevated Railway companies.

By unanimous vote the council ordered collection of taxes for the municipal pension fund and for playground purposes. The pension fund will receive \$141,336.47 and \$108,172 will be used for playground improvements. Mayor Thompson transmitted to the aldermen a telegram from Baron Moncheur, head of the Belgian commission, thanking Chicago for the courtesies extended the visitors when they were here.

The council, by a vote of 47 to 17, passed the ordinance allowing the automatic telephone system to junk its property in return for \$200,000 compensation to the city. Its action yesterday is believed to have ended the controversy that has existed for years between the city and the Chicago Tunnel company.

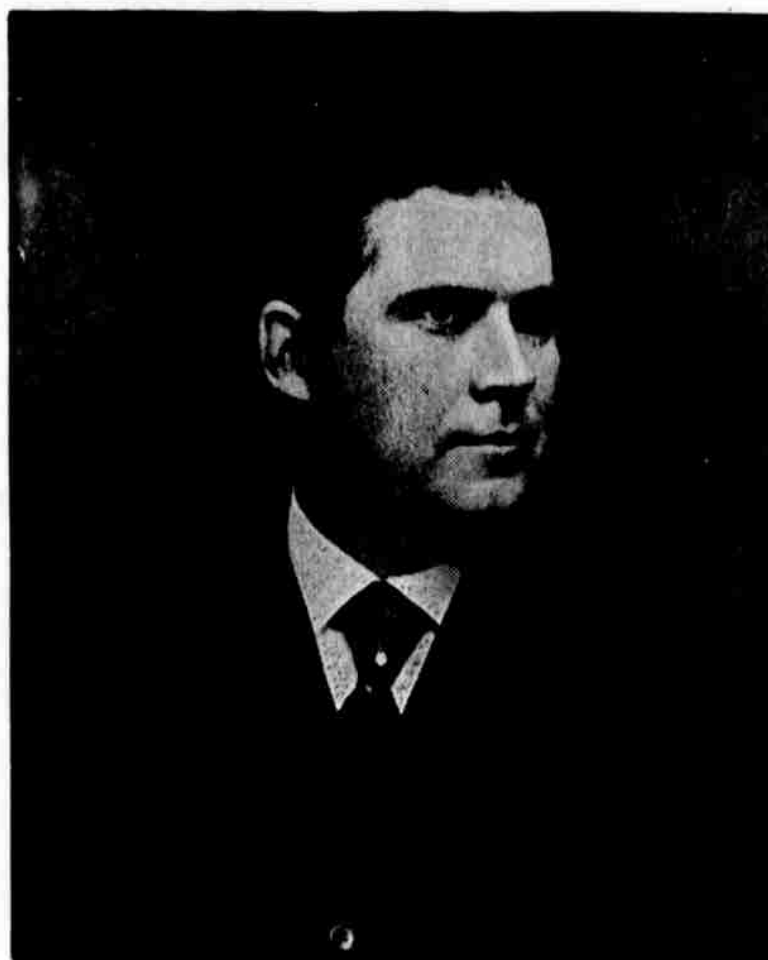
There was a stiff fight against the measure, Ald. Link being the first to attack. He introduced an amendment providing for acceptance of the \$200,000 in the event the company would share 50 per cent of its profit on the sale if the latter brought more than \$400,000. Ald. Thomas J. Lynch moved to table this amendment, and the council concurred by 46 to 15.

Several amendments, prepared jointly by Ald. Lynch and Walker, were made to strengthen the measure, but some of the members of the council remained dissatisfied. Ald. A. A. McCormick moved that it be returned to the committee for further consideration.

The new gas rate ordinance became a law Monday without the signature of Mayor Thompson. It was passed by the city council June 25, and by it gas rates will be reduced from 80 to 70 cents a thousand cubic feet. Consumers will also receive from 25 to 50 per cent of the company's profits when they are over \$4,000,000 annually.

On the basis of the average monthly bill, estimated at \$2, a saving of 20 cents will be effected by the new ordinance.

Thirteen ordinances granting certain submerged lands in Lake Calumet for the riparian rights of property owners also became laws minus the mayor's signature. This is the first direct step in the proposal to make Lake Calumet one of the great inland harbors of the country.



WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL.

Retiring Chairman of the Illinois Public Utilities Commission, Whose Public Record is Praised by Everybody.

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AFTER CROOKED PROMOTERS

One of the "blue sky" bills introduced in the Illinois legislature last winter was passed at the last minute when most of its friends thought it had failed, and has been signed by the governor. This law, if efficiently enforced, will enable investors to give authentic information about promotion stocks they are asked to buy.

The administration of the act is placed in the hands of the secretary of state. Sellers of a promotion stock must have licenses from him and these permits can be revoked. The law requires further that a statement of the condition of each company issuing stock or bonds be filed with the secretary of state. This would meet about all the needs of the situation were it not for the fact that the

officer of great ability, firmness of purpose and sterling honesty.

The first meeting of the reorganized state public utilities commission was held Monday in the board rooms in the Insurance Exchange building.

Fred E. Sterling of Rockford, former chairman of the Republican State committee, and Patrick J. Lucey, former attorney general, are the new commissioners, replacing Owen P. Thompson and Richard Yates. They took office under the administrative code bill, which went into effect July 1, merging a number of state departments and making changes in the utilities commission.

The commissioners upon assembling at the board rooms held their regular weekly conference.

Thomas E. Dempsey is chairman. Walter A. Shaw and Frank H. Funk are the commissioners retaining office.

The petition of the Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad company, asking permission to increase passenger rates, was on hearing during the forenoon before the commis-

sioners.

political grub-stake or made him his mouthpiece has been beaten at the polls or disgraced in some way.

There are fast flying rumors that this conspicuous Democratic parasite is and has been whacking up with supply contractors and pulling off graft for himself.

Maybe these rumors will be proven to have a foundation in fact that will startle the public. Who knows?

If they are, and in these times people have little respect for grafters, some smart alecks will be wearing stripes who are now said to be working hard to earn them.

It is believed that there will be a well developed "squeal" one of these days which may help things along. The stuff that is alleged to be the principal producer of the hoodoo is said to be of such an essential nature in itself that a public storm will be created that will rock things.

It is not believed that this Hoodoo could confine himself to \$1 graft, so one story that is fitting about the gossip mills tells of a day when a roll of \$1,000 bills was placed in the safe of a concern furnishing quantities of

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